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Hoover Writes On Role of Press

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FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, in a tribute to the Nation's newspapers, said yesterday that law enforcement has profited from "just criticism."

"Over the years, law enforcement at times has been taken to the editorial woodshed for its shortcomings and mistakes," Hoover wrote in the current FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. "We expect just criticism. We profit by it and the public is better served because of it."

Hoover said that law enforcement, "faced with increasing crime rates, riots and civil disobedience, can take encouragement in the editorial support and assistance it receives from responsible newspapers throughout the Nation."